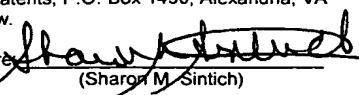




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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2005 in which pending claims 102-131 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and § 112, first and second paragraphs. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for three-months extension of time.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.